

## SPORTS

Views from ....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

The Mularz girls closed out their school shopping over the weekend, and even though they didn't agree that they had everything they needed, Daddy's billfold sounded its alarm as it got very light, and we all headed back to the house. I guess I am somewhat of a veteran in school shopping now that I have survived three years trying to please a teenage daughter. However, this year was a little scary, as our fourth grader took her time hunting certain labels and trying on jeans to make sure they were "boggy." Maybe next year it will time for Dad to stay at the house and just take a nap while the girls take turns trying to spend as much as they can.

## HITS AND MISSES IN EARLY AUGUST

\*\*\*The Elba Tigers have opened preseason drills, and I have to admit that even though I have only been to one practice, I think this year's Tigers should be greatly improved over last year's squad that struggled to only two wins. There are only 27 players on the team, but all the players appear to be excited about playing football, and they all have the look of determination on their faces as they go through workouts. The '98 Tigers may not be picked in any polls, and may not be given much of a chance to even post a winning record. However, there is something about this bunch that caught my eye, and I have a gut feeling that they are going to surprise some folks very soon.

\*\*\*Elba's 27-man roster is certainly not what the coaching staff was hoping for, but the numbers are down all over the area, especially at Zion Chapel and Kinston, where only 18 and 17 players reported for preseason drills. Everyone blames the low turnout on the kids and says the kids of today are spoiled to cars and air conditioning. That may be true, but I think the ones to blame in many cases are the parents that don't take an active part in their children's activities and would rather the kids not do much so they won't be expected to follow them to the games, band concerts, etc. I am not urging any parents to make their kids do something they don't want to do, but I do think some encouragement might help the kids make up their minds in a little different way.

\*\*\*There is an article in the "Sports" this week about Lindsey Jared competing at a national tournament during the summer in Ohio. Not only did Lindsey Jared compete, she helped lead her team to the tournament title and brought home with her a gold medal and tons of experience that will no doubt help her when the high school seasons rolls along later this fall. Jared, a junior, was injured during her freshman season and still wears a heavy knee brace when on the court. However, she never complains about the brace, and always gives one-hundred and ten percent in practice and in the games. Girl's basketball is a new sport at Elba High and struggled throughout the season a year ago, but if the other team members will work hard and dedicate themselves like Lindsey Jared, maybe before long the Lady Tigers will start winning and put their program on the map.

\*\*\*The Major League baseball season is drawing to a close, and while the teams like Atlanta, New York, Houston, San Diego and a few others are making a lot of noise, the most noise is being made about the chase to break the home-run record of Roger Maris. I will admit that I would like to see Mark McGuire break the record, however, I don't think it is going to happen this season, and won't lose a lot of sleep over the chase as the season draws to a close.

\*\*\*In closing...I umpired a softball tournament last weekend, and as the tournament drew to a close, the players were as concerned about missing the pay-per-view wrestling event on that night as they were who was going to win the tournament. As the tournament went to the "if necessary" game, it was clear that they would have to tune the second showing of the event, and things settled down. In case you are not a fan of wrestling on the cable networks, the sport is alive and well, and very much as popular as any other sport around.

READY OR NOT...  
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SPORTS REPORTERS  
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Part-time sports reporters are needed to help in the weekly coverage of area high school football games during the 1998 season. Reporters are currently needed to provide photographs and game re-caps for New Brockton, Kinston and Zion Chapel. Equipment furnished. Salary includes weekly pay plus travel. To apply, call: Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor 334-897-8201 (night) or leave message at 897-2823. School clubs or organizations welcomed to apply.

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## At U.S.A. Junior Nationals

## Elba's Jared leads team to gold medal

Elba Lady Tiger basketball stand-out Lindsey Jared spent a week during the month of July in Ohio at the U.S.A. Junior Nationals Basketball Competition, and came home with a gold medal after helping her team post an impressive 14-1 record en route to the '98 tournament championship.

Jared, a junior at Elba High School, was the point-guard for the Lady Tigers last season, and played both point-guard and two-guard at the nationals.

"There is no doubt that July 6-12 was the most exciting week of my life," said Jared. "It was an honor to be a member of the team that represented Alabama at the national event, and actually the team represented three states, as there were girls on the team from Alabama (seven), Tennessee (two) and North Carolina (one). The coach was Gary Baldwin, the girls basketball coach at Lee University, from Cleveland, Tennessee, and he really did an outstanding job."

"Night of Fire" is set for Aug. 29 at 1-Way Dragway

The One Way Dragway, located in Cottonwood, has scheduled a spectacular "Night of Fire" on Saturday, August 29, featuring the first competition ever at the track in the Jet car competition.

Jon Simmons will be shooting colorful flames from his "Southern Flame" Chevy S-10, as those on hand witness his performance on the strip in the world's fastest jet truck. His competitor, Joe "Pepe" Urban, will be leaving the Florida heat to bring his "Showdown" jet dragster and will create hot, beautiful flaming entertainment on the track. Both drivers are highly skilled racing entertainers and know exactly how to spark the eyes of their audience as they speed to over 200 miles per hour.

Joining the hot event will be the ever popular Dixie Pro Mods as they bring in their 2,000 horsepower door slammers to compete in the "Dixie Pro Stock Quick 8." Favorites such as Johnny Pilcher, Lynn Miller, Keith Baker and many others will be on hand as they make their qualifying runs at 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM.

The One Way Dragway will also feature its regular E-T Bracket racing program with entries in Super Pro, Sportsman, Grad Bikes and Junior Dragster divisions.

Gates will open at 2:00 on Saturday, August 29, with time trials from 3:30 until 6:00 PM. The actual races get fired up at 7:30.

For additional information call 334-691-4431 or 334-691-4897.

Elba city pool to remain open through Sept. 7

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that the city swimming pool, located at Hawkins-Williams Park, will remain open on weekends through the Labor Day holiday weekend. The hours of operation during the weekends will be from 12:00 (noon) until 8:00 PM on Saturdays, and from 1:00 until 6:00 PM on Sundays. Admission is \$2 children 12 and under, and \$3 for everyone over 12 years of age.

There will be no private parties during the expanded days of operation.

For more information call the Recreation office at 897-6833.

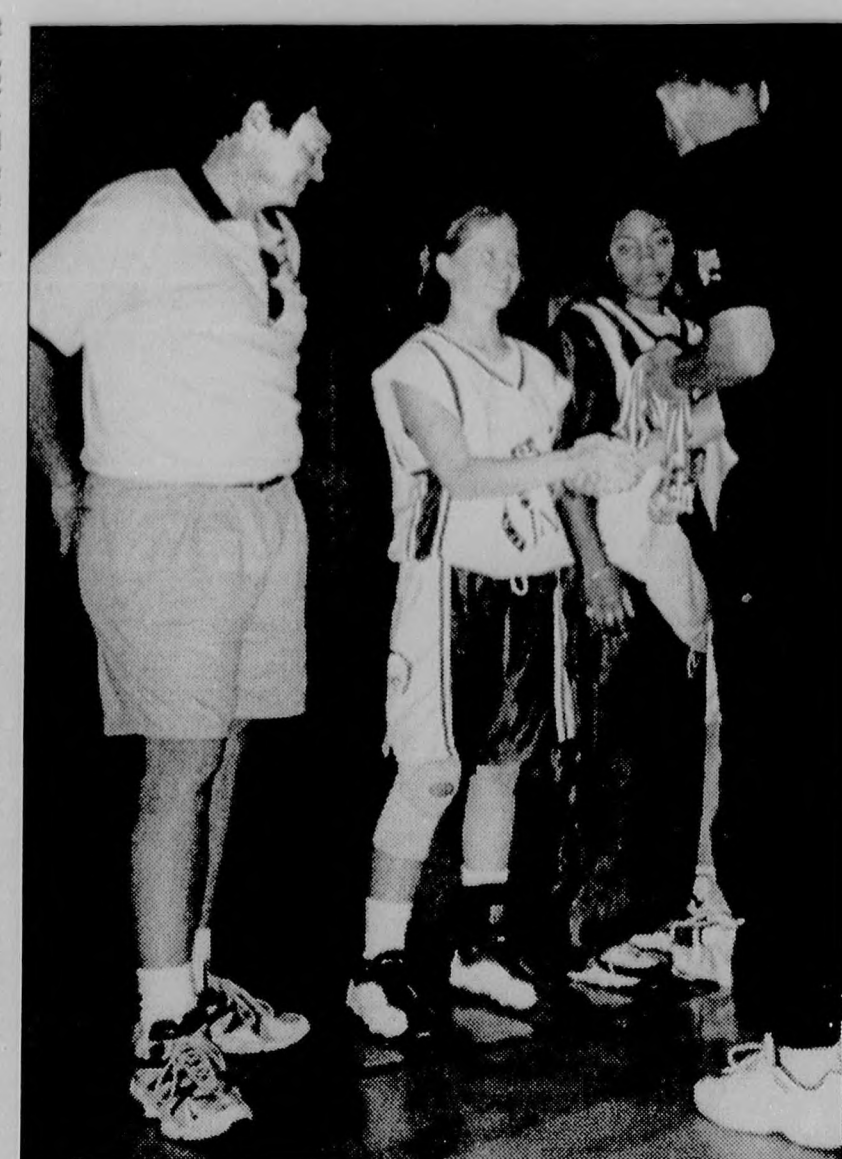
Opening ceremonies for the event were held at Westland High School, in Columbus, Ohio, where the 52 teams entered in the annual basketball extravaganza were introduced to the large crowd on hand. The teams had two three-hour practice sessions, then hit the court as the action was practically non-stop for the next three days as the teams participated in pool play.

"We played four games on Wednesday, two on Thursday and three more on Friday," said Jared, "and our team was seeded fifth after the completion of pool play. The actual tournament began on Friday night, and we won one game Friday and then won three straight games Saturday to advance to the championship. Sunday we defeated Wisconsin to finish the tournament with a 14-1 record, and take the championship."

During pool play and tournament action, the winning team from Alabama, Tennessee and North Carolina, claimed wins over Maine/Vermont, Georgia/Louisiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Montana, Iowa, Virginia and Michigan.

"It was a lot of work, and I was a long way from home," added Jared, "but the experience I gained from being on the tournament team was priceless, and hopefully it will help me this season when high school ball rolls around. I am definitely a better player now than I was before, and will be much more confident when the season starts."

Jared is the daughter of Mike and Debbie Jared, of Elba.



Lindsey Jared (second from left) accepts congratulations and the gold medal after her team won the U.S.A. Junior Nationals this summer in Ohio. Jared's team went 14-1 in the national competition.

## 27 players taking part in drills

## Coach Sikes pleased with early Elba workouts

The Elba Tigers opened their 1998 preseason football camp last week, and after five days of drills, Coach David Sikes was pleased with the attitude and work habits of his team.

"The first week really went pretty good," stated Coach Sikes, in his second year at the Elba helm. "We had three or four good days, and even though we drug a little on Friday, it was a morning practice and it was really hot and muggy."

"The first three days of drills were in shorts," added Sikes, "and we had 24 players for the first day of work, and were up to 27 by the end of the week. We did a lot of teaching during the opening three days, and did more mental work than physical work. Most of the players reported

back in good shape, and the efforts of our off-season program was plainly visible. The first day out in pads was dominated by drills and fundamentals with not much hitting. However, Friday morning we had a lot of individual drills and the players got after it pretty hard."

"Most of the positions were decided in the spring," said Coach Sikes, "and that helped during the early part of preseason practice. We still have a couple of spots to look at and some players that will get a chance to prove what they can do. The only glaring spot open is at one of the spots in the offensive line, but there are two or three players that are determined to earn the spot, and it should turn out okay."

"The second week of practice will include a lot of work on technique, and a lot more work on fundamentals," Sikes stated. "The basic offensive and defensive sets were taught in spring training, and the players have retained a great deal of what they were taught. Now we have to work hard to improve every day as football players and dedicate ourselves to being the best we can be at all times."

When asked about the small size of this year's squad, Coach Sikes stated "I would obviously like to have more players out for football; however, I feel like we have the ones that have dedicated themselves to being good high school football players, and believe that we have a team that is dedicated to winning and dedicated to working as hard as it takes to accomplish its goal."

## Trail ride to be

held on August 15-16 in Geneva

There will be a trail ride on Saturday and Sunday, August 15-16, at the Geneva State Park Lake. Everyone interested in taking part should bring their mules, horses, wagons and all their necessities, and be ready to head out Saturday morning at 8:30 AM.

For more information about the ride call 334-897-6510.

## ELBA TIGERS

AUG.27	BRANTLEY	HOME
SEPT.4	LUVERNE	AWAY
SEPT.11	OPP	HOME
SEPT.18	OPEN DATE	
SEPT.25	GENEVA COUNTY	AWAY
OCT.2	GENEVA	HOME
OCT.9	STRAUGHN	HOME
OCT.16	CLAYTON *	HOME
OCT.23	ANDALUSIA	HOME
OCT.30	SLOCOMB *	AWAY

(DENOTES AREA GAMES)

## Childs and Adams take SAS wins

Joey Watkins took the lead on lap 15 and held on to win the Sportsman Mid-Season Championship on Saturday, August 1, at the South Alabama Speedway.

Watkins started in the #3 spot, but latched on to the bumper of pole-sitter Gary Davis before diving to the inside coming out of turn two and making the pass. Watkins built up a good lead over the field, only to be slowed when the car became loose.

Freddie Clifford closed in on Watkins during the final laps, but was unable to catch the leader and settled for second. David Lester started in sixth position due to a partial field inversion, only make up time fast to close in the third position, while Jim Walker placed fourth and James Mason finished fifth.

In Super Stock action, Tommy Adams started on the pole and cruised to the feature win. Howard Penton took runner-up honors,

while Steven Dean placed third ahead of Bob Holley and David Wood.

Roy Childs led all the way in the Pure Stock feature to take the checkered flag. Larry Crutchfield pressure Childs the entire race, but had to settle for second, while Jimmy Johnson placed third, followed in order by J.R. Gulleddge and Don Huff.

Jimmy White was the night's other big winner as he was the feature driver of the night and won the Street Stock feature. White took home an extra \$400 for his efforts, along with the trophy and bragging rights! Mikell Rawls placed second in the feature, followed in order by Brian Martin, Jerome Berry and Spanky Stephens.

Heat winners were Adams (Super Stock), Wayne Slawson (Pure Stock), and Wade and Rawls (Street Stock). Lester equaled Watkins'

Sportsman track record with a qualifying time of 17.56.

Action will continue this weekend, with gates to open at 5:00 PM, and racing to begin at 7:00 PM.

Following is a list of the Top 3 in last week's feature races:

**SPORTSMAN**  
1 - Joey Watkins (Dothan)  
2 - Freddie Clifford (Montgomery)  
3 - David Lester (Montgomery)

**SUPER STOCK**  
1 - Tommy Adams (New Brockton)  
2 - Howard Penton (Pensacola)  
3 - Steven Dean (Opp)

**PURE STOCK**  
1 - Roy Childs (Elba)  
2 - Larry Crutchfield  
3 - Jimmy Johnson

**STREET STOCK**  
1 - Jimmy White (Montgomery)  
2 - Mikell Rawls (Montgomery)  
3 - Jerome Berry (Daleville)

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celebrates fifth  
birthday

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dumps water  
everywhere

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Brandi Farris  
receives  
scholarship

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## POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN ESCAPE &amp; ROBBERY

## Escape &amp; couple's assault under investigation

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Elba Police Department, assisted by the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, is investigating the possible connection between an escape and assault that occurred in Elba early Sunday morning.

Shortly before 5 a.m. (approximately 4:45 a.m.) authorities from Elba Work Release advised the police department that an inmate, James Lamar Jackson, age 33, was missing from the facility. They noted that he was originally from Houston County and the appropriate agencies were notified.

Jackson was sentenced to 10 years in prison for burglary and theft of property that occurred in Houston County. He had been in the Elba facility since March.

At approximately 5:00 a.m., police received a call that a burglary had occurred on Co. Rd. 407. The

report, it was prepared at the request of board members Daniel Stephens and Dr. Lance Dyess.

The report covered the 1997-98 school year (last year) and indicated there were paid assistants in varsity boys football, varsity boys basketball and varsity girls volleyball.

There were no paid assistants in varsity boys' baseball, varsity girls' basketball and varsity girls' softball. Each of the latter three had volunteer assistant coaches, but not paid assistants as required by federal Title IX regulations. Pearce indicated the same situations are applicable to the present year.

According to the report, the head coach for girl's volleyball (Susan Barnes) and the head coach for girl's basketball (Leroy Carney) had a verbal agreement to assist each other. Head football coach David Sikes served as the volunteer assistant coach for the varsity girls' softball.

With the release of the report, Pearce gave board members a recommendation that to comply with

Police are looking into the possibility that both the escape and assault/robbery are related since they both occurred within a short period of time.

The escapee was recaptured on Monday by the Houston County Sheriff's Department and has been returned to authorities in Coffee County. He is being held in the Coffee County Jail charged, at this time, only with escape.

No arrests or charges have been filed in the assault/robbery at this time. Nor has the pickup, firearm or money have been recovered.

The incident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department and the District Attorney's Office.

Anyone having knowledge about this crime or the whereabouts of the 1993 Maroon/Tan Chevrolet pickup truck should call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or Crimestoppers at 897-3881.



Buford Street...Looking west behind First Baptist Church

## Severe thunderstorm overwhelms Elba's downtown storm drainage system

A severe thunderstorm with heavy rains and sharp lightning moved through Elba last Friday afternoon. Within a short time (less than an hour) several inches of rain fell in the immediate area.

For a brief time, high winds also accompanied the heavy rains causing one large tree to topple on a house located on Smith Avenue.

Despite a valiant effort by crews from the City of Elba, Street Department to keep drains open and flowing, the heavy rains were too much. All of the drains (the ones that were completely open) were taking all the water they could handle and that wasn't good enough!

Several streets in the downtown area and the Mulberry Heights area became impassable while traffic was slowed to a crawl on others.

Even streets in high places became inundated by the run-off water from the heavy rains. Larkin Road, between U.S. Hwy. 84 and the airport, was closed for a brief time because water was flowing over the roadway.

Yards all over town looked like small ponds and some, according to home owners, looked like large lakes.

Dorsey Trailers sent second shift employees home due to the water being in the shop area.

City officials are looking into what can be done to alleviate, or at

least improve, the drainage problem in the downtown area as well as areas in the Mulberry Heights Community.

There are several pictures (as room would allow) in this edition of *The Elba Clipper* that show several areas where the heavy down-pour created small lakes. There were some others, but the photographer could not be everywhere, and besides, the water went down quickly in several of the places when the rains subsided.

There was one good thing - no one was hurt during the bad weather which came at a busy time for Elba.

## McGlothren &amp; Carter trials continued due to motions

The trials for the two women accused of stealing public funds from Coffee County in two unrelated incidents were set for this week; however, that was not to be.

The case of Susan Enfinger McGlothren, 38, of Enterprise was continued by Circuit Judge Thomas Head.

Mrs. McGlothren is charged with allegedly stealing more than \$71,000.00 while working as a bookkeeper in the Coffee County Commission office. She was arrested on April 16 after being indicted by a grand jury. The accused has been and is free on a \$10,000.00 appearance bond.

No trial date has been set, but

Judge Head will schedule a date to hear a motion by McGlothren's attorney, Joe Sawyer, for a change of venue for the trial.

A motion to continue the case of Frances Elizabeth Carter, 39, of Enterprise, is charged with allegedly stealing more than \$2,800.00 in public funds.

She remains free on a \$2,000 appearance bond.

Both of the thefts took place in 1997 and were discovered in

January of this year. The women's arrests came after an extensive investigation by the District Attorney's office assisted by the Examiners of Public Accounts.

The crime which McGlothren and Carter are charged with is a Class B felony and with conviction, carries a prison sentence of not less than two years and not more than twenty.

Carter, a former Court Specialist I in the Circuit Clerk's office in Enterprise, is charged with allegedly stealing more than \$2,800.00 in public funds.

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The U.S. Census will hire 30,000 temporary, part-time workers in communities across the nation between August and the end of this year to compile lists of where people live or might live. The address listing is the first major activity leading up to Census 2000.

This year the "listers" will go block by block, recording the locations and addresses of living quarters in rural and suburban areas. Next year they will concentrate on urban areas.

The actual census forms will be mailed in 1999 to all the addresses compiled, and in 2000 census workers will make personal contact with those who did not return their census information.

Hourly wages will start at \$7.00 per hour, plus approved expenses, such as 31 cents per mile. Job requirements include U. S. citizenship and access to a reliable vehicle. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age or have earned a General Education Development (GED) degree and be at least 16.

Legal non-residents will be accepted in areas where not enough citizens apply. Military veterans,

## NOTICE

All services (tag buying, driver license renewal, deed & mortgage recording, etc.) offered by the Probate Judge's Office in the Elba Courthouse prior to the '98 Flood are once again available.



SHOFFNER ADDRESSES ELBA LIONS...Lion Roy Shoffner of Enterprise spoke to the Elba Lions Club on August 11, 1998. His comments were about Americanism and what is taking place in America today. Shoffner issued a challenge to the group - "a challenge of greatness!" He told the Elba Lions to "Go and demonstrate your citizenship, prove your patriotism, take an active part - a participating part - in your government. Make it a truly representative government of the people, by the people and for the people." Pictured above are (l-r): Lion Charles Eastburn, president of the Elba Lions Club; Lion Roy Shoffner, past District Governor; and Lion Richard Patterson, program chairman.



# OPINION

## BRAINSTORMS

Several nights ago we heard the police scanner calling volunteer firemen to a fire at Clements Furniture, in downtown Elba. We were heading home to some good supper, but called to tell Heddy to keep our plate of groceries hot and why. We got to the scene to see the buildings filled with smoke and expected to see windows breaking and flames shooting out at any time. It didn't happen! When Jesse Clements got to the store, he explained that they had set off some bug bombs at closing and this was what everyone was seeing. That news gave everyone reason to breathe a sigh of relief. Before leaving this bit of news, we offer our thanks to the person or persons who first noticed this scary situation. Next time it could well be a real fire and quick reaction could save a business and a lot more of Elba.

Tuesday morning we read Slick Willie's four minute speech from Monday night. While there were no surprises in it, we sit here aggravated. Personally we would rather he stuck with his original finger shaking answer than the one given to the nation on TV Monday night. If his address to the country had been from his heart rather than from his lawyer, it would have sounded far better, but that was not to be. Then, reports are that Clinton took the 5th amendments on some of the grand jury questions. That will probably result in more questions. We also think the attack on the independent counsel was out of place because it was apparently directly due of Bill Clinton's stonewalling that the investigation has continued so long. Now, that being said, we are ready to stop talking about the whole mess.

We saw a copy of a letter from Chocowatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority to the Corp of Engineers confirming the contract to complete the necessary topographic surveys for the planned work on the Elba levee. We understand the way it is set up, the Corp will get the surveys in sections and can start their planning sooner than if waiting for the full plans. We also have verbal reports that the company doing the levee surveys have agreed to cut the time needed to complete these measurements. All this means Elba should get the major levee project a bit quicker than earlier projected. In fact, a Corp engineer told us this would be a "fast track" project and would be done faster than any other major project they have ever handled.

The heavy rains of last Friday had more than one person worried. Several called our office and the police scanner revealed city employees were regularly being dispatched to check river levels. Of course the rain falling on Elba would cause only slight rises in the river here, but that falling on Elba streets couldn't get away from the river here to the drainage system. One city official told us plans are underway this week to do some more cleaning of the drainage system, thus helping that situation.

It will be interesting to watch what happens in Birmingham in the next few months as Mayor Richard Arrington pushes his plan to sell the Birmingham water system to private interest. He claims the move will generate \$200 million for school improvements. There is no mention of what he plans for the other \$200 million expected from the sale. It could end up like the deal in Baldwin County where some big cash payments reportedly went to public officials serving as directors of a cable TV firm sold to private interests.

Elba residents who are interested in the buy-out program for flood victims are invited to attend the public meeting next Tuesday night at city hall.

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## Elba Police Report

August 10 Thru August 16, 1998

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 10, 1998, investigated the following incidents: one public intoxication, two burglaries, two harassments, four thefts of property, two assaults, one vehicle damage, one disorderly conduct, one criminal mischief, one failure to appear, one reckless endangerment, one DUI, and one robbery.

The following arrests were made: one for public intoxication, one for tampering, one for theft of service, two for criminal mischief, two for failure to appear, one for theft of property, one for disorderly conduct, two for resisting arrest, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for assault, and one for reckless endangerment.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for DUI, one for no tag, ten for speeding, two for driving without a driver's license, one for no brake lights, one for driving while driver's license is revoked, one for improper tag, and one for no driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 10** - River stage - 4.31 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm at Ace Hardware (8:13 p.m.); Fight reported at Burch's Trailer Court (8:31 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11** - River stage - 4.40 (6:28 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a vehicle fire on U.S. Hwy. 84W (10:14 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (12:23 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at the Post Office (1:32 p.m.); Wreck reported at Kleiner's (4:10 p.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to wreck at Kleiner's (4:15 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to

## BULLETIN BOARD

- SOCIAL SECURITY - REP. Court House - 4th - 12:30-3:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
- ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon. First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thru - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thru - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7 p.m. Rescue Sq. Bldg.
- MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5855
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
- AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria

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## Now is the time to buy flood insurance according to EMA

With hurricane season officially in, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, and the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency encourage renters and property owners - especially those in the Gulf Coast area - to purchase flood insurance policies now to provide financial protection from flood waters and storm surge.

"Buying flood insurance is one of the most important things anyone can do to help themselves recover from a flood disaster," FEMA Director James Lee Witt said. "Recent changes in the law allow us to make sure more people have this coverage and keep it."

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), administered by FEMA, makes federally-backed flood insurance available in communities that adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce future flood damage.

"Coffee County is a participant in the NFIP," Coffee County Emergency Management Deputy Director Terry Wilkins said. Flood insurance may be purchased from insurance companies and licensed insurance agents.

"Standard homeowner's or business insurance policies do not cover

flood losses," Wilkins said. "Home insurance coverage must be purchased separately and you must keep in mind that there is a 30-day waiting period before a new flood insurance policy is effective."

For a single-family home, the maximum coverage amounts are \$250,000 for the structure and \$500,000 for its contents. Maximum coverages for businesses are \$500,000 for buildings and \$500,000 for contents.

There are two important exceptions to the 30-day waiting period. First, there is no waiting period following the initial purchase of flood insurance when that purchase is in connection with making, increasing, extending, or renewing a mortgage or construction loan; the policy will become effective upon loan closing.

Secondly, there is no waiting period if the initial purchase occurs during the 13-month period following the revision or updating of a flood insurance rate map; in this case, the policy will go into effect at 12:01 a.m. the day after purchase.

For more information concerning flood insurance, residents may contact their insurance agent or the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

August 11 thru August 17, 1998

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 11, 1998 through August 17, 1998. They were: Viola Flowers, Destiny Patterson, Rita Coon, Mary Senn, Roy Stanford, Destiny Williams, Elba Mae Grissold, Mary Senn, Roy Stanford, Bertha Coleman, Alanna Hill, Wanda Messick, Cecil Parker, Horie Owens, Ola Mae Stallings, Aubretta Williams, Jacqueline Luckett, Madie Kelley, Dorothy Hagler, Kevin Lunsford, Gwendolyn Rayborn, Patty Daniels, Sarah Littleton, Henry Chestnut, Rayford Hodge, Gladys Marshall, Ida Mae Hooks, Gladys Mitchell, John Nelson, Rita Sondergard, and Noah

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Daniel McDonald, John Jackson, James Jones, Roy Stanford, Destiny Patterson, Rita Coon, Mary Senn, Bertha Coleman, Aubretta Williams, Elba Mae Grissold, Wanda Messick, Horie Owens, Ola Mae Stallings, Aubretta Williams, Jacqueline Luckett, Madie Kelley, Dorothy Hagler, Kevin Lunsford, Gwendolyn Rayborn, Patty Daniels, Sarah Littleton, Henry Chestnut, Rayford Hodge, Gladys Marshall, Ida Mae Hooks, Gladys Mitchell, John Nelson, Rita Sondergard, and Noah

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## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

On July 18, during a "senior lapse of memory" I had a grease fire in my kitchen. My husband was in the far end of the garden when I yelled for him, and he ran in and grabbed the pan of grease and threw it out.

At the same time telling me to call the fire department. I had to grope through the smoke, which by this time filled the house from the burning microwave above the stove. Finding the phone on the end of the counter, I ran outside and called 911, then called my sons and my neighbors who ran to my house with a fire extinguisher, put out the flame of the melting microwave above the stove, and turned off the power to the stove, because the fire was still burning. In just a matter of minutes a fireman pulled up in front of my house, and began assessing the situation, releasing information on his radio, and at the same time donning his fire-fighting uniform. Then others arrived, vehicle after vehicle and then the fire truck from New Brockton. It was unbelievable how fast all the firemen got there - from Four Star, New Brockton, and Elba!

Soon the yard was full of the fire-fighters, rescue personnel, friends and neighbors who stopped and stood in the hot sun with me, comforting me. A sheriff's deputy arrived, and he and the firemen continued to check on me, to see if I was okay, at the same time clearing out the smoke, and making sure the fire did not go into the attic. My husband got on the roof and began spraying it with the hose, while the firemen did their jobs inside and out.

I am so thankful the damage was contained in the kitchen, other than smoke damage throughout the house, but no loss of things we hold dear. There is no way we could ever convey our gratitude to the fire department, the 911 operator, and all those who came to our aid. We will forever be in your debt.

Sincerely,  
J.J. & SHIRLEY WHITE  
Rt. 1, New Brockton

Dear Editor,

I am seeking information on the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Alabama and Coke bottling companies in your coverage area.

I am compiling a book on Alabama Coke bottles, and would appreciate any information that your readers could furnish me with.

Sincerely,  
CHARLES PEARCE  
Superintendent

Please call me at 256/362-9614 or write to me at:  
James White,  
P.O. Box 1082,  
Talladega, AL 35161.

Dear Ferrin,  
On Friday, Aug. 14, a severe lightning-and-thunderstorm occurred at exactly the time we dismiss school, causing a delay in releasing students to load buses and/or meet parents.

I must say this was the worst display of intense lightning I have observed from our perch atop the hill overlooking the schools. The lightning was striking trees in the woods directly behind the elementary school where our buses load each day.

Even though we do not have a designed plan on how to deal with an electrical storm, I must praise and thank our administrative staff, teachers, and understanding parents for their spontaneous good judgment during this experience. Mr. McCollough, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Rayborn, Mr. Russell, Mr. Fletcher, and the entire staff reacted immediately and properly in delaying any further loading or exposing our elementary children to the danger of the lightning. At the same time Mr. Weeks and Mr. Dunn were taking measures to protect our high school students, making preparation for the delay and providing security at the high school.

The entire high school staff joined in immediately without specific instructions, to provide their help where needed. As I communicated with each school via our emergency radio system, I was amazed at how quickly and effortlessly our staffs joined forces to make an unheated event run as smoothly as it did.

A special thanks to our patient parents who were delayed while waiting out the storm. Even though our schedules had to be adjusted, we feel that the safety and well-being of our students must always be given priority over time and schedule.

Again, thanks to our administration, staffs, bus driver, students, and parents for working together to help us have a safe exit from school.

Just another reason it's such a great pleasure to live in Elba, Alabama.

Sincerely,  
CHARLES PEARCE  
Superintendent

## WILLIE RAY KNIGHT

Mr. Willie Ray Knight died Aug. 7, 1998. He was born in Butler County in 1934. Graveside services were held Aug. 12, 1998, at 1 p.m. in Bethlehem Cemetery, Elba, with Pastor Clarence English officiating and Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sons: Teddy Jones, Opp; Willie Ray Knight Jr., River Falls, a sister: Clarine (Allen) English, Pensacola, Fla.; two brothers: Hilary Knight Jr., and Leon Knight, both of Pensacola, Fla.; two grandchildren: Teneisha Jones and Ontario Jones, Opp.

## JOSEPH LEO ROBERTS SR.

Mr. Joseph Leo Roberts Sr., age 63, of Marietta, Ga., died Aug. 11, 1998. Funeral services were held Aug. 14, 1998, at South Cobb Church of Christ in Marietta, Ga., with Ministers Henry Huckleba and Tommy Tidwell officiating. Burial was in Cheatham Hill Memorial Park Cemetery in Marietta, with Winkenhof Pine Ridge Funeral Home directing.

A native of Coffee County, Mr. Roberts graduated from Troy State University and began his teaching career at Osborn Junior High School in Marietta, Ga. He received an M.Ed. degree from Auburn University, and an Ed.S. from the University of Georgia, and served as principal of three different schools from 1969 to 1994, when he retired from the Cobb County School System.

Survivors include his wife: Hazel Marler Roberts, Marietta, Ga.; two sons: Joseph Leo Roberts Jr. and Matthew M. Roberts, both of Marietta, Ga.; his mother: Luma Kimbro Roberts, Elba; four sisters: Cleo Roberts Hiner, Dallas, Texas; Betty Roberts Walker, and Joette Roberts, both of Birmingham; Linda Roberts Herrington, Acworth, Ga.

**DOROTHY MAE AUSTIN**  
Mrs. Dorothy Mae Austin died Aug. 10, 1998, in Southeast Medical Center in Dothan.

She was born June 26, 1928 in Covington County.

Funeral services were held Aug. 14, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Opp with Rev. Johnny Lawrence officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Baptist Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: John Austin, Opp; five sons: Robert

## AREA DEATHS

### (Rosamie) Austin, Elba; Jerome

Austin, Samson; Willie J. Austin, Ishia (Shelia) Austin and Thomas D. Austin, all of Opp; three daughters: Dorothy Jean Campbell and Kathy (Byron) McClain, both of Opp; Grace (Johnny Booth) Edwards, Kinross; a granddaughter raised as a daughter: Annie Mae (Douglas) Salter, Opp; a brother: Gable Taylor, Opp; three sisters: Annie Ruth Crenshaw, Glenwood, Easter Mae White, Pensacola, Fla.; Lillian Marie Tyson, Elba; 35 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Mary Townsend, Rochester, N.Y., preceded Mrs. Austin in death.

**LOIS BRUNSON WHITLEY**  
Mrs. Lois Brunson Whitley, age 87, of Elba, died Aug. 14, 1998, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Aug. 16, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Robert Paul officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters: Gloria Bragg, Elba; Louise Jacobs, Enterprise; and Myrtle A. Helms, Sacramento, Calif.; two sons: Bartlett M. Whitley, Waco, Tex., and Edward H. Whitley, Ft. Payne, Ala.; 11 grandchildren.

**SARAH ANN MAGWOOD**  
Mrs. Sarah Ann Magwood died Aug. 7, 1998, she was born Dec. 20, 1952, to the late Rev. Archie Lee and Versie (Julie) Barnes.

Funeral services were held Aug. 12, 1998, at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. A.R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Rocky Head Church Cemetery, with Hammonds Funeral Home directing.

She married Billy Joe Magwood, and to this union four children were born.

Survivors include the four children: Sebastian (Mark), William (Will), and Tawanaall of Elba; and Billy, Selma; her mother: Julie Barnes, Elba; 10 grandchildren, four brothers and two sisters: Federal Barnes, Murry (Phillis) Barnes; Jeanette (Marvin) Siler, Elba; Joe (Shirley) Barnes, Hinesville, Ga.; Zeneau (Katie) Barnes, Henscheid, N.Y.; and Zarel (Ik) Barnes, Panama City, Fla.

Survivors include her husband: John Austin, Opp; five sons: Robert

### Mr. James "Jiggs" Eiland, 64, of

Barlow, Fla., died Aug. 6, 1998. His last two years were spent in a home care facility in Barlow. He was reared in Coffee County, and worked and lived in Polk County, Fla., for 45 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, M. and Mrs. Esser Eiland of Coffee County; his wife Evelyn; Doyle Eiland, an infant son, David; two brothers, Glen and Malcolm Eiland.

Funeral services were held Aug. 9, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Whidden McLean Funeral Home, Barlow, with Pastor Dave White officiating. Burial was in Wildwood Cemetery, Barlow, with Whidden McLean directing.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law: Debbie Lynn White and Tony White, Barlow, Fla.; brothers: Edward Eiland, Henry Eiland and Jarvis Eiland, all of

### Coffee County; Thomas Eiland;

Brewton; sisters: Louise Miller, Lucille Thornton and Margaret Medders, Brewton; Addie Foster, Opp; Carolyn Bradley, Dothan; two grandchildren.

**VERA WILLIAMS**  
Mrs. Vera Williams, age 78, of Elba, died Aug. 16, 1998, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Coleman Funeral Home.

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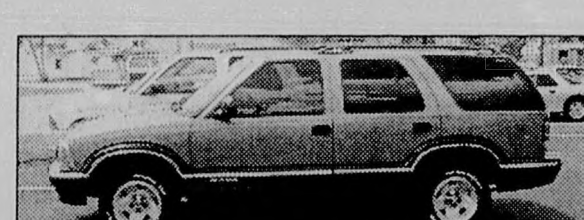
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# CHURCH & COMMUNITY

## Women's Conference planned at St. Johns Chapel

The Young Women's Progressive Club of Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church will present a weekend of worship services and seminars that will focus on "A Spiritual Awakening," based on Eph. 5:14. The weekend will begin with worship services on Friday, Aug. 28, at 6 p.m., with the message being brought by Minister Marian Leake of City of Refuge Christian Fellowship in Atlanta. The service will include an all-female choir under the direction of Ossie Goode, is open to the public.

Following a 9 a.m. registration and devotional on Saturday, three seminars will be led by Loretta Michael and Deborah Brooks, Daleville; and Anna Rhodes-Vivour, Ozark. The noon luncheon

speaker will be Essie DuBose of Enterprise. Christine McComb of Enterprise will bring the keynote address Sunday at the 11 a.m. service. Everyone is invited to the Friday and Sunday services; all women are invited to the Saturday seminars. A registration donation of \$15 per person will be accepted on Saturday. Groups of five or more may register for a donation of \$12.00 per person.

Pastor T.W. Parker Sr. and the members of the club invite everyone to share in these services. For more information call the church at 393-2661; Loria Britt at 393-2136 or Marge Simmons at 393-3827.

## Coffee Baptist Association to host Leadership Conference

Coffee Baptist Association will host a Key Leader Conference - "Celebrate Jesus 2000" - on Monday, Aug. 31 at County Line Baptist Church. A meal will be served 6-6:30 p.m. (\$2.00 per person, must have reservations), with program to be held 6:30-8:00 p.m. Topics and speakers will include: Brotherhood - Tommy Duckett, Montgomery; WMU directors: Mrs. Maxine Bearden, Ozark; Sunday School - James Blakeley, Montgomery; and Doug Connell,

Enterprise; Ministers' Wives - Mrs. Sara Jane Lyon, Montgomery; Discipleship - Jerry Roberson, Enterprise; Christian Life - Joe Bob Mizell, Montgomery; Pastors, Deacons, Evangelism, and Lay People - Sammy Gilbreath, Montgomery. This free conference will offer encouragement and training for the small church as well as the large. A nursery will be available for children through third grade - with reservations.

## Donations needed for Bethlehem Cemetery

Anyone having loved ones buried in Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery is asked to support the cemetery with donations for its upkeep. A trust fund has been established at SouthTrust Bank in Elba to handle donations, or checks may be sent to: Mrs. W.E. (Lena)

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E.H. Hill, Minister Sunday School: 12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays	Rev. Marvin Ennis, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
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Rev. William Frank, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Even. Service: 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.	Sam Totten, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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Dorcas Market, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training: 5:00 p.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed.: 7:00 p.m.	Danny Sherer, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.
EASON BAPTIST CHURCH	FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:15 p.m.	Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

## How About a game?

by Faye Holliday

"Would you like to play hopscotch?" I would ask my visiting cousin.

Although born in the country just as we resident cousins were, he had become cityfied at an early age, due to my uncle leaving the farm to find other work, first in Mobile, then in the Birmingham area.

We country kids occupied ourselves outside most of the summer days, and so were acclimated to the heat, bugs, sticker weeds, the yard and accompanying dirt. My cousin, on the other hand, was a little - shall I say "softer" than I was, and sometimes did not want to get dirty.

I often bemoaned the fact that he did not want to get in wood like we did, or draw water, or pick peas, or hoe cotton. Why, he could just stand around as we did these chores during his visits.

"No, sometimes she would say, 'No, I don't want to play.'"

"Please," I would beg.

I loved to hear the "thunk" of the small, thick piece of glass we threw to mark our square of the hopscotch pattern. I enjoyed the challenge of seeing how far I could jump over the other pieces of glass. And, you weren't supposed to land on a line either!

As our yard was dirt, we could draw the diagram anywhere we wanted to - and we always had sticks around, the self-pruning limbs of the big pecan tree and wild cherry tree in our yard. (That's one thing about yards today - there are no sticks around - a pity, but there are no dirt yards to draw in either.)

Of course, when we "swept the yards" that would clear the sticks away; but we could always find a stick if we needed it.

And so, sometimes I had to just hold the little piece of glass in my hand and hope she would change her mind - you just can't play hopscotch by yourself.

But, then, sometimes she would play; and when she was not there, my cousins just down the road were almost always there - and we kept busy playing our games - hopscotch, Red Rover, drawing the Handkerchief - if we had enough for a big circle; and at night, we would play "There Aren't Any Boogers Bears Out Tonight."

This was a made-up game we played in the front yard, as the twi-

light lengthened into early evening, and our parents sat on the porch and talked. Since it was dark, it was even more fun, because you would get scared better. One person would be the "Booger," and the rest of us would sing the song and walk nonchalantly across the yard, until the "Booger" jumped out at us and we would yell and scream and try to run away. Whoever got caught would then be the "booger."

Another game we would play was "Blind Man's Bluff." One of the group would have a blindfold tied across his or her eyes and try to find the others, who would come tantalizingly close to the blindfolded person, then quickly jump away.

One time we were playing this game, and I was "it." And a rule was, if "it" came near to running into an object, say a tree, the others were to yell a warning. Well, this time, no one yelled, and a big gully stretched with a tree, with a resulting hen egg on my forehead. Needless to say, this did not set well with me, and I floundered my blindfold off, and announced that I was not playing any more! At least for that particular day!

The Red Rover game was a test of arm-strength - two opposing lines were drawn, and the kids in one line would sing out, "Red Rover, Red Rover, send Johnny/Sue right over here!" Whereupon Johnny or Sue would gather up all his/her strength, then run at top speed toward the other side and try to break the hand-clasp between the others. If the hands held, that person would join their line, and so on until no one was left on the other line.

One day my cousin Helen ran toward the line I was in, she could not break the hand-hold, which gully caught her just under the chin and threw her flat on the ground. With the breath knocked out of her, she just lay there, and I was so scared I headed toward the schoolhouse to find a teacher. She was aware of what happened, because she asked me later, "Why did you run away?"

"Mother, May I?" was a little milder. One person was the Mother, and the kids would stand in a line in front of her. She would then issue the command: "Sue, take two baby (giant - rabbit - horse) steps." Sue would take the ordered steps, as would each one in turn. BUT, if you forgot to say "Mother, may I?" you had to go back to the line! The

first one to reach "Mother" became "it" for the next time.

Then there was "Rock School." This was when kids were enamored with school - either before they started or just after. The "teacher" would stand at the bottom of a set of steps, with a rock in her hand (usually girls played this game), and she would hold out both hands, and a child would tap the hand she thought held the rock; if it did, she advanced down the steps; and so on until someone reached the teacher, and became "it."

And the old favorite - jump rope - was a hidden method of top-notch exercise! It was not exercise we craved - but we got it! You could jump by yourself at home, and then at school a group could play, with two holding the rope, and you jumped until you missed. If you hesitated too long before the swinging rope, with your hands outstretched you were accused of "eating flies!" But you had to pick the right time to "jump in."

We had contests to see who could jump the most without missing, individually. I made it to 500 one day!

A small rubber ball was the source of much of my play. I would throw it up in the air, bounce it against the house, throw it over the roof and run to catch it, or let it roll back down to me, or just bounce it on the ground. I loved the feel of the ball in my hand. And a group of us could get a pasture for a bat and play ball all day long!

The gully in the pasture in front of our house was a favorite sport to play. It had to be a worry to my folks, as it was a wash down through the trees. Actually, we had a break in the trees, and the big gully was long and wide and deep enough to set our house in, and we could jump off the top and the descending slope, and land on a bed of sand anywhere we jumped.

The little one was smaller, and only about three feet wide, but it was four or five feet deep, and several hundred feet long, so we could actually walk around and up and down it. We made "rooms" in the kitchen, living room, etc., by backing out shelves and partitioning off areas. Then we would roof an area by breaking off tree limbs and laying them across the gully to keep the sun out while we played.

And, it was an ideal place to play

cowboys! There were all kinds of miniature caves to hide in, and bushes to hide behind, and trees to climb, and limitless space to run and jump and yell.

One day, several cousins decided they would "bury" my brother in the sand. They covered him up to his neck - then he discovered he couldn't get out! When they realized what they had done, they frantically began to dig sand with their hands and anything else they could find. My mother was highly upset when she found out what had happened - not to mention scared half to death!

One of my favorite solitary things to do was climb trees. We had a huge, old pecan tree planted by my granddaddy, plus smaller ones, as well as the cherry laurel tree. We would "skin the cat" on a low limb of the cherry laurel, as well as climb it.

Then on fall afternoons, I would come in from school, get a sweet potato, climb up the pecan tree, pick myself some pecans, and have my snack. Then I would shake down some pecans.

My younger cousin tried to follow me in the tree-climbing, but her mother was too apprehensive, and would always say, "You can't climb that tree, you are too clumsy." Well, that phrase implanted itself into her mind, and she began to believe it, and never did climb a climber. My mother would just say, "You'd better not fall out of that tree." And I would say, "I won't." And I never did; I ALMOST did, once or twice, when I lost my footing, but always managed to catch on another limb!

I always wanted my children - then my grandchildren - to experience the joy of tree-climbing as I did, and the kids would stand in a line at the gully, or the free feeling high in a tree, as the breeze blew and the limbs swayed, and you could think, and look around and be lost in the moment.

Inside recreation included - for the kids - dolls and paper dolls - and for both boys and girls - jacks and the ever-present comic books; boys also played marbles and mumble peg outside.

Such were the games we kids played back then.

## News From ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College's fall semester begins August 24, earlier than previously, so interested persons are encouraged to complete their admissions applications and register for classes as soon as possible.

Students will enjoy many advantages with the change to the semester system including improvement in articulation between and among colleges, universities, and high schools (e.g. transfer of credits, high school dual enrollment, and scheduled internships, with no loss of credit when entering a public university; more time to learn and retain course materials; more opportunities for instructors to assess student progress; more opportunities to identify and correct deficiencies; more flexibility in scheduling classes; textbooks written for semester; fewer registration periods/forms and supplies; enhancement of retention; more curriculum-centered, and better opportunities for summer jobs or launching careers.

The fall semester will end Dec. 11 with final exams scheduled for Dec. 14-17.

Students still have the option of taking courses at the Ft. Rucker campus. Textbooks for all courses offered at the Ft. Rucker campus will be available there for sale.

For more information call 334/393-ESJC, ext. 234, or the Ft. Rucker campus at 334-598-2438.

Several times a year Enterprise State Junior College offers a special Literacy and Volunteer Training Workshop to teach volunteers how to tutor adult non-readers and low-level learners. To be certified as a literacy tutor by ESJC, participants must attend four workshop sessions. In the workshop, participants examine the psychology of the adult learner, study the use of Laubach reading materials, and consider other methods for teaching adults.

The workshop is scheduled for 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 (Monday through Thursday) at ESJC. Registration deadline is noon, Friday, Sept. 25.

To register, contact Marquita Greene at 334/393-ESJC, Ext. 234. For more information, contact Virginia Stephenson at Ext. 266 or Debbie McCollough at Ext. 218.

Diversified Nursing Services and ESJC will present a special seminar for healthcare workers entitled AIDS and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Persons interested in learning more about the many sexually transmitted diseases will be able to identify the most common sexually transmitted diseases, discuss treatment modalities of each of these diseases, and discuss the emotional needs of patients with these diseases by the end of this seminar.

Participants in the healthcare field will receive 7.2 contact hours of

continuing education credit in cooperation with Diversified Nursing Services, which is an organization approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing as a provider of continuing education.

The seminar will be held on Friday, Sept. 11, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. There is a \$50.00 fee, and the registration deadline is Sept. 4.

For more information and a copy of the course objectives, call 334/393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Tune up with non-impact exercise through ESJC's Leisure Swimming - Participants have the opportunity to maintain fitness through swimming in the college's indoor pool during select time. This fall semester the pool will be available for approximately 20 hours per week. Fee for individual participants is \$25 and \$40 for families.

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Decorative Fabric Painting is a special workshop which is limited to 15 participants. Registration deadline is Sept. 8. For more information call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

ESJC's Community Band is open for fall semester membership, and provides recreation through musical participation for those who have a background in instrumental music. Members must furnish their own instruments. Through participation in Community Band, members will gain in their knowledge of musical elements and in performance skills. There are no auditions for membership, and there are no fees unless a member chooses to take the course for one hour of college credit. There is a \$100.00 fee to take this course through Community Services, and there is no registration deadline. The Band meets on Tuesdays, Sept. 1 - Dec. 15, 5:45-7:30 p.m. For more information, call 393-ESJC.

Learn to tango, waltz, and swing with ESJC's Social Dance course. Registration is accepted only if participants have a partner. Classes will be held on Mondays, Sept. 14-Nov. 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in ESJC's Student Center Multipurpose Room. There is a \$94.00 per couple fee, and the registration deadline is Sept. 8. Register early for there is a 10 couple limit for the course. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Tote and Decorative Painting is offered each semester. For fall semester this course is scheduled for Thursdays, Aug. 27 - Oct. 1, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Registration deadline is 7.2 contact hours of

line is August 20. This course provides instruction for beginners and advanced painters. Painting will be done with acrylics on wood or metal. Students will learn how to prepare a project to be painted, how to select proper tools and materials, and how to use appropriate brush strokes. There is a \$30.00 fee for this course. Students may bring their own supplies (bring them to the first class meeting), or they may purchase supplies for an additional cost of approximately \$30-\$50. Students must be at least twelve years old. The class is limited to 15.

For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Using the Microcomputer - Level I, will be offered again this fall semester to assist persons having NO keyboarding skills. Participants will be introduced to the computer keyboard, taught basic computer terminology, and have hands-on experience with a word processing software package. Overcoming a fear of computer usage, understanding basic keyboarding functions, and gaining a sense of the potential for computer use in the home, work and/or educational environment are emphasized. Participants must bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. The course is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 15-24, 5:30-7:30 p.m. There is a \$30.00 fee for the course, and registration deadline is Sept. 8. Space is limited to the first 15 to register. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Pottery Shoppe is designed for adults who have had no experience with clay as well as for those who have worked with clay in the past. Each student will complete at least one piece of slab-built pottery and must purchase clay and tools for \$20.00. Dothan pottery master David Plunkett will be teaching this course on Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sept. 4 - Oct. 19. Registration deadline is Sept. 8, and there is a \$30.00 fee for the course. For more information, call 334/393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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## World's Largest Auburn Club Meeting

Auburn people are gearing up for football season and their 8th annual World's Largest Auburn Club Meeting on Thursday, August 27, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m.

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Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Manager's Choice
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hoagie, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Tater Tots, California Style Vegetables, Peach half, Milk
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# LIFESTYLES



Pictured left to right: Mrs. Button (Estelle) Holloway, Mrs. John Crittenden, Miss. Danon Lowrey-honoree, Mrs. Edwin C. Lowrey Jr. and Mrs. Edwin C. (Corinne) Lowrey Sr.

## Miss Danon Lowrey honored with bridal tea and miscellaneous shower

Miss Danon Michelle Lowrey, bride-elect of Mr. Shane Buteaux, was honored on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 16, with a bridal tea and miscellaneous shower in the lovely home of Mrs. John Crittenden on Highland Drive in Elba.

The front door was adorned with a heart-shaped wreath with white roses and wedding bells tied with a white bow and strings of pearls.

As the many guests arrived, they were greeted by Mrs. Crittenden and received by the honoree, Miss Lowrey; Mrs. Edwin C. Lowrey Jr., Mrs. Button (Estelle) Holloway, and

## Alzheimer's Walk luncheon planned for August 25

The Southeast Alabama Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will hold a team captains' luncheon at noon Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the Southeast Alabama Medical Center's seventh-floor conference room. The luncheon will be held in preparation for the 1998 Memory Walk.

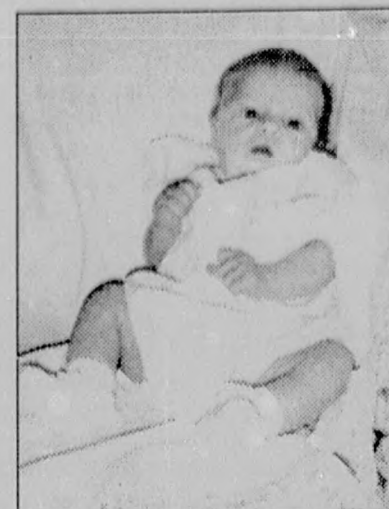
The Memory Walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 10 at Westgate Park.

## NEW ARRIVAL

### Emily Rose Cook

Paul and Sherry Cook of Bullock Community, Brantley, announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Rose, on July 3, at Flowers Hospital.

The new arrival weighed 8 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 21-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Sam and Shirley Noblin, Helen Cook and the late "Tebbo" Elmer Cook. Great-grandmother is Jeanette Boykin. Great-aunt is Rose Hudgens, all of Brantley.



Emily Rose Cook



Allie Moody

## Allie Moody is five years old

Allie Moody of Hoover celebrated her fifth birthday on August 12. She begins Kindergarten at Shades Mountain Elementary School this fall.

Allie is the daughter of Jan and John Moody, and granddaughter of Sara Moody of Elba.



(l-r) Mrs. Nancy Flowers, paternal grandmother of the honoree; Mrs. JoAnn Flowers, mother of bride-to-be; Miss Sandra Flowers, honoree; Mrs. Ola Woods, aunt of the future groom; Mrs. Lee Ella Robinson, maternal great-grandmother of the groom-to-be; Mrs. Pearl Cole, aunt of the future groom.

## Miss Flowers honored with bridal shower recently

Miss Sandra Flowers, bride-elect of Mr. Tony Daniels, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower Saturday, July 25, in the fellowship hall of the Shady Grove AME Church.

The front entrance was displayed on a table in the fellowship hall.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Pearl Cole, Mrs. Ola Woods, Mrs. Vivian Cole, Mrs. Betty Reffee, Mrs. Porchia Jones, Miss Patricia Fair, Miss Contina Daniels, Miss Stephanie Daniels, Mrs. Janice Cole, Mrs. Lee Edwards, Mrs. Karen Magwood, Mrs. Pearl M. Culver, Mrs. Beverly Liprot, Mrs. Shirley Coleman, Ms. Yvonne Burks, Ms. Yvette Flowers, Mrs.

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## Billy Driggers celebrates fifth birthday recently



Billy Driggers

Billy Maurice Driggers celebrated his fifth birthday Friday, Aug. 14, with theme of "Rugrats."

The birthday boy enjoyed Rugrat cake, ice cream, cookies, chips and punch. He received many nice gifts.

Billy is the son of Billy and Bridget Driggers, and big brother of Alexander Driggers of Elba.

His grandparents are Ricky and Linda Berry, and Bill and JoAnn Driggers, all of Elba, and Mary Pelletier of Long Beach, Calif.



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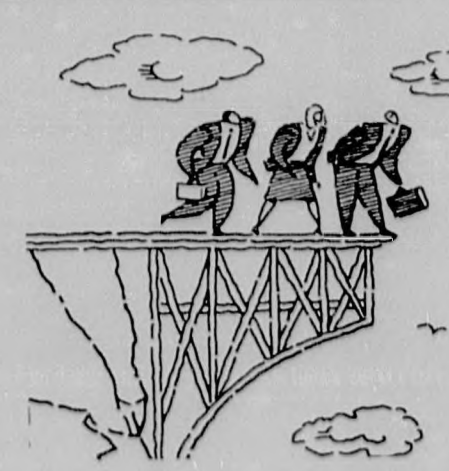
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# LIFESTYLES

## Hospice to sponsor grief group

Wiregrass Hospice, Inc. will begin a 5-week educational grief group called "New Beginnings" in September. The group will meet once a week and will include education about and discussion of issues such as the tasks of mourning, the pain of grief, adjustment to grief, making sense of your life after loss and the loneliness of grief.

The group is available to anyone throughout the community who has lost a loved one. There is no cost.

Meeting dates are Sept. 15, 22, 29 and Oct. 6 and 13, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Heritage United Methodist Church located at 2911 Rucker Blvd., Enterprise.

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ELBA SENIORS ELIZABETH STRONG (L) AND BRANDEE FARRIS (r) recently received scholarships from the University of Alabama National Alumni Association. Elizabeth is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Strong, and Brandee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Farris. Making the presentation was Mary Sue Cain.

## Elba Church of God to have re-dedication services Sunday

The Elba Church of God, pastor Tony Rodriguez, will have rededication services Sunday, Aug. 23, at 3 p.m.

Rev. Rick Hand, of the Enterprise Church of God, will be guest speaker.

Everyone is invited, and refreshments will be served after the service.

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## Johnson is Teacher of The Year

Christy Johnson, a 1990 graduate of Elba High School, was recently named 1997-98 "Teacher of the Year" at Evangel Christian Academy in Montgomery. Christy directs the choral music and band programs at ECA, where she is beginning her fourth year of teaching.

Christy is the daughter of Evan and Carol Smith of Elba. She is married to Jay Johnson, also of Elba, son of Harold and Faye Johnson.

Christy and Jay reside in Wetumpka.



LAURA RENEE WILLIAMS, (r), 1998 graduate of Zion Chapel High School, was the recipient of a scholarship from the School of Commerce and Business Administration at the University of Alabama. Laura is the daughter of Jane and Kieff Lambert. Making the presentation was Mary Sue Cain, president of the Coffee County Chapter of the National Alumni Association.

## Elena Strong tapped in University of Alabama ceremony

Elena Strong of Elba was tapped for four honor societies in The University of Alabama's "Tapping on the Mound" ceremony, which marks the end of the academic year.

At this ceremony, student leaders are recognized on the quad in front of faculty, administrators, parents and friends.

Organizations which invited Elena into membership were Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa, Blue Key, and Anderson Society, which only selects 24 members. She was also chosen for membership in Golden Key, Order of Omega, and XXXI, an organization that selects

the top 18 females).

In addition to participating in these honor societies, Elena also serves Chi Omega Sorority as president, the College of Human Environmental Sciences as vice president and Ambassador, Capstone Men and Women as secretary, and the Alabama Triangle Association as president.

Elena will be a senior in the fall. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Strong.

Her grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. E.M. Warr of Elba, and Dr. and Mrs. W.D. Strong of Enterprise.



Elena Strong

## AIDB to sponsor signing classes

The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind is offering an American Sign Language (ASL) I - Beginning Conversation class to start Sept. 5.

Location will be the AIDB Regional Center, 105 Executive Park Dr., Dogwood Court, Dothan, AL, and the 8-week session will be held 1 - 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Cost will be \$40.00, with materials provided.

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## SPORTS

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

It was back to school last week for the kids, and Melanie was so ready to start the fourth grade that she got up at 5:30 AM on Tuesday morning to make certain that she had time to get dressed and get all her supplies loaded in the car. The excitement lasted throughout the week, but the "early to rise" habit did change late in the week, and with Wednesday she was ready to hit the sack way before her bedtime. I know we've got some bumps ahead in the road, but the first week was fun to watch.

## SCHEDULES REVEAL INTERESTING SEASON AHEAD

The high school football season starts next week, and after taking a look at the schedules, one area tends to look like a very interesting season ahead for all of the area teams. Here's a quick peek...

**\*\*\*ELBA TIGERS** - The Tigers have made a major change in their schedule in an attempt to get back to their winning ways of the past after two straight losing seasons. While any team that plays Elba will be fired up and will give the Tigers all they can handle, gone from the schedule are some of the teams that made the schedules of the past so difficult. There are still some very tough teams, such as 3A Laverne, 4A Geneva, 5A Opp and 5A Andalusia; however, when the Tigers don't have to compete with other powerful teams like Monroe County, Charles Henderson and Georgiana during the other weeks, maybe the Tigers won't be quite as banged up when they go to war on Friday nights. The schedule is still far from easy, and despite playing six of nine games at home, it will be one that will challenge the Tigers every time they hit the field.

**\*\*\*BRANTLEY BULLDOGS** - The Bulldogs have never backed down from a challenge and this year will be no different, as (1A) Brantley will challenge four 3A teams and two 2A opponents in their ten game schedule. The new teams on the schedule will include Elba, Zion Chapel and St. James, while the remainder of the slate looks very familiar with battles against such powers Georgiana, Goshen, Laverne, Frisco City and Highland Home. Brantley never plays an easy schedule, and this year is certainly no different.

**\*\*\*ZION CHAPEL REBELS** - The Rebels made giant strides last season and claimed four wins, but will face a rugged schedule this season and may have a hard time improving on the four wins. Teams such as G.W. Long, Arton, New Brockton, Brantley and Florida are always hard to beat, while cross-county rival Kinston and area foe Houston Academy will certainly provide challenges. If the Rebels can get a quick start against Thorsby and Isabella they could be much better than expected. If not, the Rebels will face another tough challenge.

**\*\*\*KINSTON BULLDOGS** - The Bulldogs make the move to the 2A ranks this year, but that really makes no difference, since they have always played bigger teams and back down from no one. The 2A teams on this year's slate include Arton, Wicksburg, Red Level, Samson, Geneva County, New Brockton and Straughn, and all seven are very good teams that will be hard to beat. When 1A opponents such as G.W. Long, Florida and Zion Chapel are added to the mix, it is obvious that the Bulldogs' schedule this season may even be tougher than usual.

**\*\*\*NEW BROCKTON** - The Gamecocks have made giant strides in recent years, and even though their schedule this season is just as tough as ever, the Gamecocks appear to have a real shot at improving on last season's six wins. The season will open with a bang when the Gamecocks travel to Laverne, and the Gamecocks will face some very good teams in G.W. Long, Arton, Straughn, Samson and Florida, not to mention area foes Kinston and Zion Chapel. The schedule is not easy, but the Gamecocks are no push over, and it should be a very interesting season for Brockton.

## PEAKING AT OTHER AREA SCHEDULES...

**\*\*\*CLASS 1A** - Billingsley has always played one of the state's toughest schedules, and 1998 will be more of the same as the 1A Bears take on 5A Chilton County, 4A Daleville, 5A Dallas County and 4A Daleville, not to mention 1A power Autaugaaville and 2A strong boy Maplesville. Not many 3A or 4A teams would want to compete against folks like that.

**\*\*\*CLASS 2A** - For a team that posted only two wins a year ago, the Panthers have a very ambitious schedule this season that includes 2A power Highland Home; 3A foes Goshen, Laverne and Leroy; and 5A Hillcrest, of Evergreen. Houston County also struggled to only two wins in '98, but will back down from no one and this season will oppose 3A Slocomb and 4A foes Headland, Abbeville, Ashford and Rehoboth. It is time for the Lowly Lions to get out of the Wiregrass Conference.

**\*\*\*CLASS 3A** - UMS Wright has one of the state's top 3A programs, but the '98 football season may be more than even the talented Bulldogs can handle as they oppose 6A Fairhope, 6A Ft. Walton Beach, 4A T.R. Miller, 5A Citronelle and 4A St. Paul's. Colbert County also plays some bigger folks as the Indians battle 5A Muscle Shoals, 5A Russellville and 5A Coffee.

**\*\*\*CLASS 4A** - Lanett is another team that always plays a tough schedule, and this season the Panthers will face 6A Auburn and 5A teams such as Greenville, Ga.; Russell County; Stanhope Elmore and Valley, T.R. Miller certainly is good enough to battle any team in any class, and the Tigers will again put that to the test this season as they oppose 6A Alma Bryant, 5A Jackson, 5A Escambia County, 5A Monroe County and 5A Hillcrest, not to mention 3A power UMS-Wright and 4A powers St. Paul's, Daleville and W.S. Neal.

**\*\*\*CLASS 5A** - Eufrata posted only four wins a year ago, but must be much optimistic this season since the Tigers will face such opponents as 6A Columbus, Georgia; 6A Auburn; 6A Northview; and 5A foes such as Charles Henderson, Valley, and Carroll, of Ozark. Greenville is always one of the state's best teams, regardless of class, and the Tigers had better be as good as ever this season as they open the year against 6A Dothan, 6A Jeff Davis and 5A Stanhope Elmore.

**\*\*\*CLASS 6A** - Carver, of Montgomery, posted only three wins last season, but the Wolverines may have something up their sleeves, or must be making some kind of money, since they open the year against Robert E. Lee, Sidney Lanier, Jeff Davis, Central, of Tusculosa, and Central, of Phenix City. Does it get any easier? A little, but they then close the year against Enterprise and Northview. When Jeff Davis has a pretty tough four-game stretch against such powers as Murphy, Prattville, Dothan and Robert E. Lee, while Enterprise has toughened up its schedule a little with early-season match-ups against Foley, Bay High, Prattville, Benjamin Russell, Dothan and Northview.

## August 21 is registration deadline for youth football &amp; cheerleading

Registration for football and cheerleading will continue through Friday, August 21, for any boys and girls ages 6-12, in Elba. The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will again field teams in the Tri-County Youth Football League in the 1998 season, with teams competing as Midget Tigers (ages 6-8), Termit Tigers (ages 9-10) and Pee Wee Tigers (ages 11-12). The department will also sponsor cheerleader squads for the three teams, with the same ages involved. The cutoff date to determine the age of a player or cheerleader is October 1, 1998, with the age of a player or cheerleader on that date determining what division that person will take part in.

For additional information contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

## FOOTBALL '98 - IT'S HERE!

Six home games on nine-game schedule  
'98 Elba schedule will have new look

The Elba Tigers and their fans will be able to enjoy the friendly confines of Tiger Stadium for most of the 1998 football season as the Tigers are scheduled to play six of their nine games at home.

Elba will open the season at home on Thursday, Aug. 27, when they host the always dangerous Brantley Bulldogs. The Bulldogs, of Coach Roland Jones, have been one of the state's top 1A programs for many years, and with a gang of hungry Bulldogs returning after last year's 6-5 season, the Tigers will be in for a real fight to protect their home turf.

Week #2 (Sept. 4) will find the Tigers on the road to battle the Laverne Tigers. The Tigers, of Coach Burch Norman, claimed the state 2A championship last season and posted a 13-2 record along the way, but this year are back in the 3A ranks, and even though they are not in Elba's area, will no doubt have an ambush awaiting their arch-rivals from Coffee County.

Elba will return to Tiger Stadium on Sept. 11 to host the 5A Opp Bobcats, in perhaps the Tigers' oldest and most intense rivalry. The Bobcats, of Coach Shane Wasden, are expecting big things this season after a 7-4 campaign a year ago, and week #3 will anything but a breather for the Tigers as they return home. Elba will have the fourth week (Sept. 18) of the season off after three tough opening opponents, but will return to action on Sept. 25 when they travel to Hartford to meet the Geneva County Bulldogs. The Bulldogs, of Coach Rick Moody, are looking for a marked improvement

## Exciting season ahead as schedule changes will provide new rivalries for all football teams across local area

The 1998 high school football season is only one week away, and if the schedules of the area teams are any indication, it looks like an exciting season ahead for all area high school football fans.

Following is a brief look at the schedules of the teams in the area:

## BRANTLEY

The Brantley Bulldogs, coached by Roland Jones, struggled last year, but will have to be much improved this season if they hope to make big improvements against one of the area's toughest schedules. The Bulldogs open the season with a bang as four of their first five games are against (3A) Elba, (2A) Georgiana, (3A) Goshen and (3A) Laverne, and the other opener is a key area encounter against McKenzie. The second half of the schedule isn't quite as bad for the "Dogs," however, (2A) Highland Home and (3A) St. James are included among the final five foes, as are area opponents Frisco City and J.U. Labadie, as well as Zion Chapel.

The '98 season should be one in which the Bulldogs show a big improvement, but with a schedule that includes some of the area's top teams, the record could be deceiving.

**NEW BROCKTON** - The New Brockton Gamecocks, of Coach Keith Thrasher, posted a winning record last season and have their sights set on even bigger things this year, including a trip to the 2A playoffs and an improved record.

The Gamecocks will find out in a hurry just how ready they are when they open the season in Laverne against the defending 2A state champion Laverne Tigers. The remainder of the schedule is a little easier, but not really all that much easier, as six potential powers as well as the Rebels, Samson, and Houston Academy, a trio of teams that all have their eyes set on the playoffs each and every year, while 2A teams that dot the schedule will include Thorsby, Arton, New Brockton and Kinston. Rounding out the Rebel schedule this season are Isabella and Brantley, which added to the remainder of the slate, makes one very tough nine-game road trip for the Rebels.

The '98 season should find the Rebels more than ready to continue their trip back to the ranks of winning teams, but with a schedule that has no easy opponents, it looks like a real test for Zion Chapel.

Elba will return to Tiger Stadium on Sept. 11 to host the 5A Opp Bobcats, in perhaps the Tigers' oldest and most intense rivalry. The Bobcats, of Coach Shane Wasden, are expecting big things this season after a 7-4 campaign a year ago, and week #3 will anything but a breather for the Tigers as they return home. Elba will have the fourth week (Sept. 18) of the season off after three tough opening opponents, but will return to action on Sept. 25 when they travel to Hartford to meet the Geneva County Bulldogs. The Bulldogs, of Coach Rick Moody, are looking for a marked improvement

appear more than ready to rebound this season, and should bring a very experienced team to town to do battle with the Tigers in week #9.

The final week of the regular season (Oct. 30) will find the Tigers on the road for an important Area encounter with the Slocomb Red Tops. The Red Tops, under the direction of Larry Lee, are looking to improve greatly on last season's 2-8 record, and by the final week of the schedule should be more than ready for the visit from the Tigers.

With six home games on the schedule, and only four teams on the schedule that posted winning records last season, it appears that

ELBA TIGERS  
1998 Football Schedule

August 27	Brantley	Home
September 4	Laverne	Away
September 11	Opp	Home
September 18	Open Date	
September 25	Geneva County	Away
October 2	Geneva	Home
October 9	Straughn	Home
October 16	Clayton * +	Home
October 23	Andalusia	Home
October 30	Slocomb *	Away

\* denotes Area contests  
+ denotes Homecoming game  
All games begin at 7:30 PM

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS  
1998 Football Schedule

August 27	Elba	Away
September 4	Georgiana	Home
September 11	Goshen	Away
September 18	McKenzie *	Home
September 25	Laverne	Home
October 2	Frisco City *	Home
October 9	Zion Chapel	Away
October 16	Highland Home	Away
October 23	St. James	Away

KINSTON BULLDOGS  
1998 Football Schedule

August 27	Arton	Away
September 4	Wicksburg	Home
September 11	Red Level	Away
September 18	Samson	Away
September 25	G.W. Long	Home
October 2	Florida	Away
October 9	Geneva Co.	Home
October 16	New Brockton *	Away
October 23	Zion Chapel	Home
October 30	Straughn *	Home

NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS  
1998 Football Schedule

August 28	Laverne	Away
September 4	G.W. Long	Home
September 11	Arton	Home
September 18	Straughn *	Away
September 25	Zion Chapel	Away
October 2	Samson	Away
October 9	Wicksburg	Home
October 16	Kinston *	Home
October 23	Geneva County	Home
October 30	Florida	Home

ZION CHAPEL REBELS  
1998 Football Schedule

August 28	Thorsby	Away
September 4	Isabella	Home
September 11	G.W. Long *	Away
September 18	Arton	Away
September 25	New Brockton	Home
October 2	Open Date	
October 9	Brantley	Home
October 16	Florida *	Home
October 23	Kinston	Away
October 30	Houston Ac. *	Home

Note:

\* denotes Area contests

## Helpful Hints From Your County Agents

ANGELA HUGHES  
County Extension Agent

## INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY

What could possibly be dangerous about an adolescent surfing the Internet in the safety of the family workroom?

The Internet does not have a governing body that monitors its contents. Anyone, for whatever reason, may put information on the Internet. It is up to the user to determine if the information is correct and credible. The fact that the information superhighway is not monitored poses a real concern for parents.

In 1995, more than 19 million households were connected to on-line services. This number is expected to increase at amazing rates during the coming years. With computers readily accessible to most youngsters, the contents and quality of Internet information accessible to them becomes a real worry to parents.

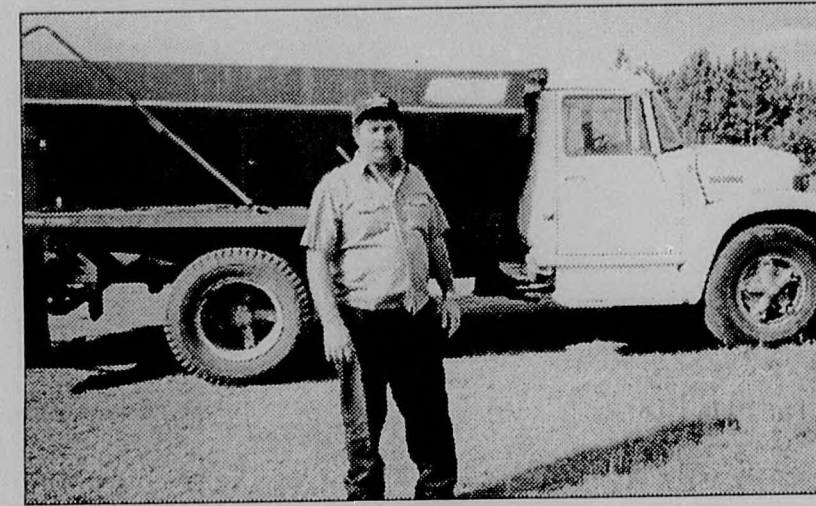
Parents have always worried about strangers approaching their children, the types of movies and television shows available to their children, getting involved with the wrong friends at school or driving too fast. To counter these worries, parents set specific rules and taught them to their youngsters daily.

And just as we tell children to be wary of strangers they meet, we need to tell them to be wary of strangers on the Internet.

The most important rule-of-thumb is to never give out any type of personal information. Sharing personal information, such as home addresses, phone numbers, income, or credit card information with strangers puts the entire family at risk. They should never share their password with anyone, nor should they arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they meet online. If they receive messages that make them feel confused or frightened, they should ignore the sender and tell them immediately. It is important for children to understand the people they meet online are not always who they say they are, and online information is not necessarily private.

Other steps you can take to keep inappropriate information away from your children are to:

- Make sure your children understand what you consider appropriate for them. Set clear, reasonable rules and consequences for breaking them.
- Make online explorations a family activity.
- Placing the computer in a public place such as the living or family room makes it easy for the whole family to take part. It also helps you to monitor the sites your children are visiting.
- Pay attention to games your older children might download or copy.
- Learn as much as you can about Internet use policy at your local library or your child's school.



Jerry Davis

## Chicken litter waste to some gold to others

RICHARD L. PETCHER

County Extension Agent

One of the blessings that the poultry business has brought to Coffee County is the millions of pounds of poultry litter. What is considered waste to some is like gold to others. Organic farmers call it "farmers' gold."

If you are needing some litter spread, Mr. Jerry Davis, near Fairview, and Mr. Eddie Wiggins in Enterprise, are the only two commercial deliver-and-spread people in this county.

If you need poultry litter simply delivered by the truck load, John Bell Hughes, between Enterprise and Goodman is in this business.

Chicken litter is now used on most agriculture crops in Coffee County. Two tons per acre spread annually is an excellent rate for adding nutrients and soil organic matter. One ton of poultry litter on average contains 60 units of N, 60 units of P and 40 units of K.

The best way to utilize these nutrients is to spread the litter and disc or break it into the soil right before planting. Must crops, depending on how much litter and how much rain we get, will need additional fertilizer added.

Chicken litter works well on corn, small grains, hayland, pastures, peanuts, watermelons and cotton. Caution: Peach trees do not like poultry litter. Scientists do not know the reason for this yet. However, they have seen peach trees respond negatively to poultry litter.

Fish ponds need fertilizing also. This summer I fished in two local fish ponds where the water was nearly perfect in color and the fish extremely healthy. Both farmers fertilized their ponds with poultry litter.

One grower put the litter in burlap sacks and threw the sacks in the water. The other had a much larger pond. He had a large dump truck dump the litter right on the edge of the pond, and as the rains came, natural seepage off the litter kept the ponds fertilized perfectly.

## AGRI NEWS

## The scourge of blossom end rot on tomato plants

I was so proud of myself - over three dozen health-looking tomato plants valiantly producing a promising crop during unseasonably hot conditions and many a sign of blossom end rot. Then, almost without warning, my tomato plants began wilting and dying off. Another victim of Southern Blight.

But no blossom end rot! I have had blossom end rot before. It took its toll only on a couple of plants. The affected plants were of the same variety, so I do believe that some varieties are more susceptible to blossom end rot.

Most plant pathologists describe blossom end rot as a non-parasitic condition caused by a calcium deficiency and irregular water supply. It appears as a dark, almost black leathery patch on the blossom end, or bottom end, of the fruit. You can't miss it when it does occur in your garden. It is not a total disaster for your tomato crop because there are some things you can do to combat it. What it will do, however, is cut down on the quantity and quality of tomatoes you can harvest.

Although blossom end rot is most commonly associated with tomatoes, it can occur on eggplant at the blossom end. It also has been reported on the sides of peppers near the blossom end.

In explaining the cause of blossom end rot, plant pathologists and horticulturalists of the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service at Auburn University point the finger at calcium as not being a particularly "mobile" element. Therefore, even brief changes in your garden's water supply can cause blossom end rot because the plants are restricted from a proper water intake.

A highly acidic soil or too much water from heavy rains, excessive irrigation or even high humidity can develop a calcium deficiency and blossom end rot may result.

So, what can you do to help prevent the condition from occurring? Do you remember the story of the physician trying to tell his patients how to remember what foods are good to eat and which are not? "If it tastes good, spit it out," was his simple solution.

Similarly, a lecturing Auburn horticulturalist earlier this year explained the best way to minimize blossom end rot and some common plant diseases this way: "Do all those things that you should normally do for having a good garden," he said. "Chances are then that you won't get blossom end rot or some of the other plant disorders."

Those are simple instructions and it boils down to these basics:

• Get a soil test and follow the recommendations.

• Keep the soil pH between 6.0 and 6.5. If lime is needed, apply it two to four months before planting. Use a dolomitic or high calcium limestone.

• Don't over-fertilize. Use a plant food marketed especially for tomatoes (usually low nitrogen).

• Provide a sufficient, regular water supply. About 1.5 inches per week is good for tomatoes.

• Use mulches to conserve moisture.

If you do develop a calcium deficiency, spray the plants with a calcium solution. Use about four tablespoons of calcium nitrate or calcium chloride per gallon of water.

A special warning, though. With the extremely hot weather we have been having lately, care should be taken using calcium chloride because at temperatures over 85 to 90 degrees, it can burn plants. During periods of high temperatures it is better to use calcium nitrate. Always follow label directions!

I must tell you this. I have a friend - we'll just call him Tex - who sprays his tomato plants with skim milk. Skim milk! Tex swears by it. I don't know if Extension Service experts would endorse that method or not, but if Tex says it works for him, why not?

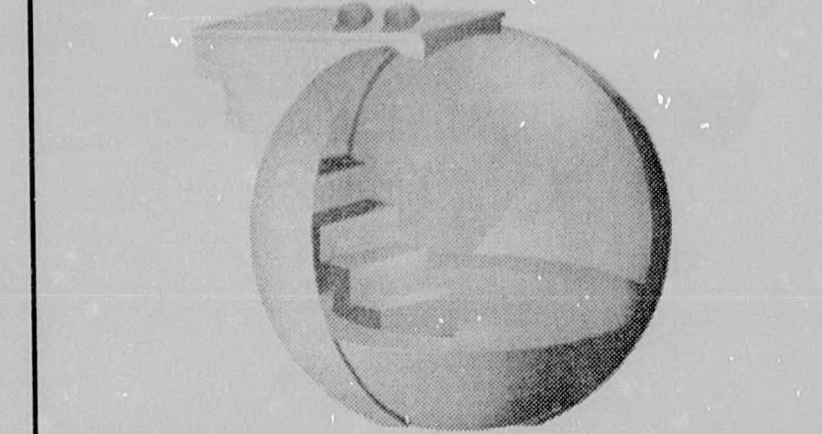
So, now we have a good garden - soil tested, limed, fertilized, mulched and watered. We detect blossom end rot and spray with a calcium solution (or skim milk which I guess you could call a calcium solution). We still get more blossom end rot. What to do?

Throw the bad tomatoes away; try again another day. Good luck!



ROS COE MILLS, 85 years young, is going strong and enjoying his 10-acre garden. Corn, peas, butterbeans, okra, snap beans and gourds are his main crops. His gardening advice is, "If you plant it, care for it, and if the season is right, you'll have a good harvest." His comments on picking okra, "It is rough - you've got to be tough or it will eat you up. Try to get your wife to pick it, but that can be even tougher." Mr. Mills was a carpenter for 30-35 years and a farmer all his life. (Richard Petcher, County Extension Agent)

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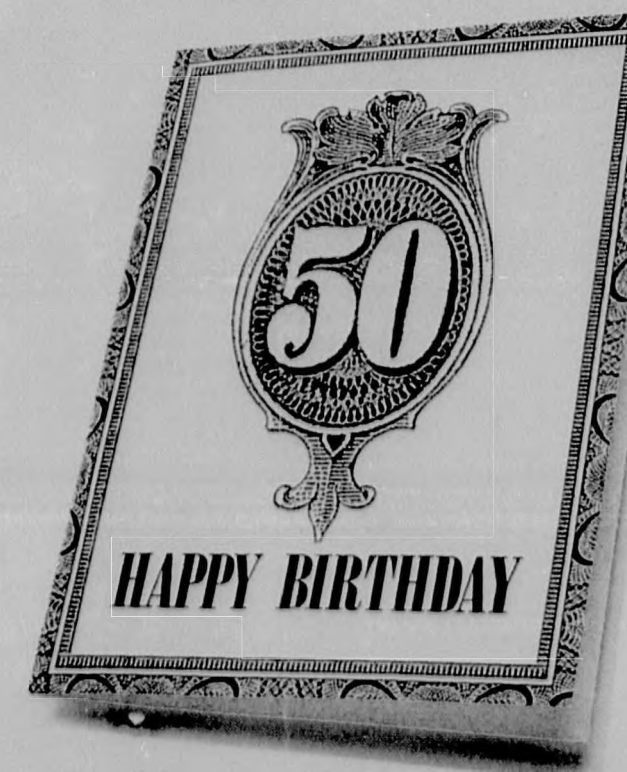


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# LEGAL

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL. LARRY JARRELL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PLAINTIFF,

VS. NATHANIEL DEON BROWN AND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$742.00) IN LAWFUL UNITED STATES CURRENCY AND/OR COINAGE, DEFENDANT. CASE NUMBER: CV97-278

### LEGAL NOTICE

In this case it is made to appear to the Circuit Court by the affidavit of Larry C. Jarrell, Assistant District Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Coffee County Alabama, and represents the State of Alabama in this action, that a petition for the condemnation of property was filed in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, On or about November 17, 1997, the summons and complaint which instigated this action was filed.

The property was seized as fruits of crime, pursuant to Section 13A-11-84 and Section 20-2-93 of the Code of Alabama as amended. The property is in possession of the Twelfth Judicial Court Drug Task Force. The address of the defendant is unknown.

It is therefore, ORDERED by the Court that the owner of the above listed property is directed to appear and plead to or answer the petition in the above styled case by the 15th day of October, 1998, or a judgment by default may be rendered by the Court and the money may be disposed of as ORDERED BY THE COURT.

DONE this 5th day of August, 1998.

/s/ JIM ELLIS

Circuit Clerk 8-13-20,27-9-3chg

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Elba plans to conduct a public hearing August 25, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Old Reserve Center. The public hearing is being held in reference to City of Elba's proposed Phase I Hazard Mitigation program. The Planning Commission has determined that the Phase I will include those citizens remaining outside the levee who have been flooded three (3) or more times. The public hearing will inform interested citizens on the rules and regulations pertaining to the buyout program, relocation, and elevation of existing structures. Please be advised that the Hazard Mitigation program is voluntary program.

Any disabled persons needing assistance at the public hearing should contact City Officials.

JAMES GRIMES, Mayor  
100 Buford Street  
Elba, Alabama 8-13,20chc

### NOTICE

I, TRACY EDWARDS, will not be responsible for any debts other than those made by me personally.

/s/ TRACY EDWARDS

8-13-20,27-9-3

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL. LARRY JARRELL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PLAINTIFF,

VS. JABARI DEMOND HOLLOWAY AND TWO HUNDRED, SIXTY-SIX AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$266.00) IN LAWFUL UNITED STATES CURRENCY AND/OR COINAGE, DEFENDANT. CASE NUMBER: CV97-136

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